

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

DEEWR Question No.EW0332_12

Senator Abetz asked on 31/05/2011, Hansard page 31.

Question

**Work For The Dole - Number Of Participants, From Commencement To 31
March And Snapshot 31 May**

Senator ABETZ: Work experience activities: how many job seekers are currently undertaking a work experience activity? Senator Chris Evans: I will get them to give you the gross numbers but, again, if you want a breakdown, I am happy to give you that. I suspect it is fairly hard going for you, in terms of the stats. I am happy for you to have whatever you want today, but we will also give you the breakdown, if you want. [...] Senator ABETZ: How difficult is it to give us those snapshots like you just gave us for 31 March? Is that a figure that is relatively easily retrievable? Ms Laker: Yes. Senator ABETZ: All right, if you could take on notice. Just because it happens to be the end of the month today, if we can get 31 May on notice; that might potentially be an interesting comparison. Ms Laker: The figures that I have available are for the period of Job Services Australia up to 31 March. If you prefer, we could take that on notice. Senator ABETZ: Yes, if you could, because I want to know the current figure. Having said that, if you can provide us with, from commencement, to 31 March but then also the current figure. If I can quickly backtrack to Work for the Dole— Ms Laker: Sorry, could I just clarify, if you are looking for a point in time, so that will give us a figure on a certain day? Senator ABETZ: Yes, a certain date. Ms Paul: We have a figure now. Senator ABETZ: That certain date is? Ms Paul: The thirty-first of March. On 31 March we gave you as a snapshot a figure of 9,360 Work for the Dole people, and that is out of the broader set of 14,380 jobseekers participating in work experience activities on that day; so, literally, a day snapshot of 31 March.

Answer

Attachment A in EW0331_12 provides data for Work Experience Activities and Work for the Dole breakdowns.